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Gentlemen:

In our letter dated August 26, 1994, (94-DOE-09201) we requested formal approval to decouple the Operable Unit (OU) No. 2 (903 Pad, Mound, and East Trenches) Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) from the OU2 RCRA Facilities Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Report. Rather than an OU2 specific ERA, a watershed approach would be performed in the RFI/RI Reports for Operable Unit 5 (Woman Creek) and Operable Unit 6 (Walnut Creek).

Your letters, dated April 2, 1993, and April 25, 1994, directed us to take the watershed approach. As discussed in a meeting on September 22, 1994, we agreed that the watershed approach was appropriate. We also discussed the need for the "methodology" and schedules for the OU5 and OU6 watershed ERA's to be presented to you in the near future.

Based upon your direction to take this approach, we conclude that the decoupling of the ERA from the OU2 RFI/RI does not need to be formally approved. Therefore, our August 26 letter needs no response.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Grace of my staff at 966-7199.

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